



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
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Docket No: 7970-21

Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records  
To: Secretary of the Navy

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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552  
(b) USECDEF Memo, "Guidance to Military Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Regarding Equity, Injustice, or Clemency Determinations," of 25 July 2018

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case Summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that his other than honorable (OTH) character of service be upgraded to "honorable."

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 26 January 2022 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of Petitioner's application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include reference (b).

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 6 September 1989.

d. On 8 March 1991, Petitioner received non-judicial punishment (NJP) for an unauthorized absence (1 day). On 8 March 1991, 12 April 1991, and 27 September 1991, Petitioner was counseled concerning deficiencies in his performance, to wit: his unauthorized absence, substandard performance of duties and performance deficiencies. On 16 October 1991,

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Petitioner received his second NJP for failure to report to his appointed place of duty and disobeying an order from a senior noncommissioned officer. On 13 August 1992, Petitioner received his third NJP for an unauthorized absence (1 day) and failure to obey a lawful written order.

e. On 17 August 1992, Petitioner was notified that he was being recommended for administrative discharge from the Marine Corps by reason of misconduct due to minor disciplinary infractions. Petitioner was advised of, and waived his procedural rights, to consult with military counsel and to present his case to an administrative discharge board (ADB).

f. Petitioner's commanding officer (CO) then forwarded his administrative separation package to the separation authority (SA) recommending that Petitioner be administratively discharged from the Marine Corps with an other than honorable (OTH) characterization of service.

g. The SA approved the CO's recommendation and directed that Petitioner be administratively discharged from the Marine Corps with an OTH characterization of service by reason of misconduct due to minor disciplinary infractions. On 7 October 1992, Petitioner was so discharged.

h. Petitioner contended that his discharge was unjust. He is and has been a model citizen for his entire life. He served the country with dignity and pride and should have an honorable discharge.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that given the totality of his circumstances, Petitioner's request merits partial relief. Additionally, the Board reviewed Petitioner's application under the guidance provided in reference (b). Specifically, the Board considered whether his application was the type that was intended to be covered by this policy.

In this regard, the Board noted Petitioner's disciplinary infractions and does not condone his misconduct, which ultimately resulted in his OTH characterization of service. However, in light of reference (b), after reviewing the record holistically, and given the totality of the circumstances and purely as a matter of clemency, the Board concluded Petitioner's discharge characterization should be changed to "general (under honorable conditions)."

#### RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following partial corrective action:

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) indicating that on 7 October 1992, Petitioner was discharged with a "general (under honorable conditions)" characterization of service.

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No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)), and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

2/8/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]